

WHAT ABOUT LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE?

A key message from the community so far is that we shouldn't just be looking at providing new homes and jobs but planning infrastructure improvements at the same time.

To make sure this happens we are talking to local service and infrastructure providers including those responsible for GP provision, new schools and transport. We would like your views on anything specific that you feel should be provided on the sites that have been put forward for consideration.

Infrastructure overview - Borehamwood & Elstree	
Population	36,500
Increase since 2011	+1,700
Number of households	15,080
Number of Businesses Units (offices, workshops, manufacturing and warehouses only)	420
Number of community services	
Primary Schools	11
Secondary Schools/Colleges	3
GP Practices	4
Dental Surgeries	10
Post Offices	3
Pharmacies	9

Key infrastructure needs



Education

A site for a new primary school at Cowley Hill to meet existing needs has been agreed and Hertfordshire County Council advise that similar provision would be required for any future housing growth. Expansion potential exists at two schools (Kenilworth and Meryfield) but to enable flexibility in school place planning additional capacity to cover population fluctuations is advocated.

Hertfordshire County Council has there is scope for an extra form of entry at Hertswood Academy but an additional secondary school will be required to serve Borehamwood.



Health

Herts Valleys Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is the NHS organisation responsible for commissioning health services on behalf of local people. Our own plan for the Elstree Way Corridor already identifies a site for a new health facility to serve Borehamwood and we continue to engage with the CCG to identify specific NHS requirements elsewhere in the town.

Fairbrook Surgery is operating in cramped conditions and the Grove Medical Centre is at capacity and the CCG has advised both sites have limited ability to accept new patients. The capacity of Theobald Medical Centre is also limited due to layout of the building and improvements or relocation will be necessary in order to accommodate further growth.



Transport

Traffic modelling was undertaken to forecast changes in journey times across the road network. Depending on where new development is directed and without any public transport improvements, road journey times to Watford, St Albans and Barnet could increase by up to 9 minutes at peak times and up to 6 minutes at other times. This means development must be located close to local services and accompanied by significant investment in public transport and other initiatives such as car clubs.

Some investment has already taken place. Elstree and Borehamwood station has recently benefitted from platform extensions allowing for longer 12 car trains, additional train services and disabled access improvements. A £1.5m transformation scheme, including enlarged ticket office and additional cycle parking, is about to get underway.

